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Photo by Mark Arike

Craig Jones, chief and director of Haliburton County Paramedic Service, cringes as his colleagues get ready to dump buckets of ice-filled water on him. See story on page 25.

Fearrey vs. Parker: Dysart's reeve race underway

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

The race for Dysart et al's reeve's seat in the upcoming election has finally begun.

Mere hours after Janis Parker filed her nomination for reeve on Aug. 22, incumbent reeve Murray Fearrey followed suit.

"I was always going to file, to be honest with you," Fearrey said. "I thought about

it a lot. I thought about all the negatives and all the positives. I still feel I have this community at heart. I think I know it better than anybody."

Fearrey said this isn't the first time he's filed late, but that if there had been a challenger earlier on he would have filed at that time. Waiting, he said, gives others an opportunity to step up.

"This is all about, 'do I want the job or I don't,'" he said. "If you really want it, you go

for it. It's that simple."

Fearrey said he respects Parker, but that he didn't want to comment on her, nor would he comment on his platform just yet.

"We'll lay the program out when it's the appropriate time."

For her part, Parker said she filed because it was time Dysart voters had a choice.

"I think voters in this municipality need another option," she said. "I am extremely capable. I have experienced most facets of

life here in Haliburton, was a cottager turned full-time resident, am a business owner, and a member of the large contingent of wonderful volunteers in this community."

Parker has lived in the Highlands full time for eight years, but has been coming up for 38 years. She is the owner of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd., and was the Ward 4 representative on the previous Dysart council.

"Dysart needs someone who thinks outside

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Stagnant here in Dysart: Parker

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the box," she said. "I think we too easily say no to good ideas and we go back to 'there's not enough money.' So we're sort of stagnant here in Dysart."

While there are a lot of good things happening in the community, there's nothing pulling them all together, she said.

"I feel like Haliburton is like a patchwork quilt. There's so many wonderful things happening in so many areas, and all alone they look so successful but there's nobody sewing all the pieces together."

"It's not happening for us. We're not a destination of choice. We're still the poorest community."

If elected, Parker said her business

background is going to be an asset.

"[The municipality] is a business," she said. "There's money to deal with, staff to motivate, organize and delegate to, and a community that wants to see the municipality run as a business and be economically responsible. They'd like to see their dividends and the services they expect."

Under Fearrey, Parker said the municipality has been very fiscally responsible and is in good shape, but they maintain the "status quo."

"The new reeve would be taking over a business that's got a solid business plan and a great reputation. They can just build on it."

Parker wants to see more of an effort made to promote Haliburton's School of the Arts. She said tourism is important,

but the priority needs to be creating a vibrant community that attracts youth and more full-time residents.

"Not all of this is accomplishable by me being elected, but it's making a plan that says whenever you're considering this application, does it fit into our long-term goal," she said. "[Will it] add some vibrancy to our community, add some jobs, and is it sustainable?"

"I'm really passionate about making Haliburton a destination."

With the race now underway, Fearrey said it's refreshing to have competition.

"It's a good opportunity for me to understand whether the people appreciate what I've done or they think it's time for a change," he said. "If they do, then I accept that."

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Most homes pass smoke detector check

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The majority of homes visited by Dysart firefighters last month had working smoke alarms in them.

According to a report from fire chief Miles Maughan, 82 per cent of the 90 homes inspected on July 21 as part of an annual campaign had working smoke alarms.

"We seem to be having positive results from it," Maughan told

council during an Aug. 26 council meeting.

The remaining 18 per cent who didn't have working detectors were provided new batteries or alarms they could purchase.

Firefighters visited 12 different areas during the campaign, including several outlying parts of the municipality. Two complaints were received – one about tags being left on doors for those who weren't home and another about the lack of advertising in advance of the

campaign.

Carbon monoxide detectors were mentioned, said Maughan, and information about them was provided to homeowners who requested it.

"It's a good program," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

According to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, those who fail to comply with smoke alarms requirements could be issued a fine of \$235, or up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations.



Photos submitted by Lindsay Wilkinson

TJ Wilkinson suffered various wounds across his body when he was attacked by a bear.

Man and dog injured in bear attack

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 30-year-old Haliburton man who attempted to rescue his dog from a bear attack was also injured when the animal turned on him.

According to a press release, the man let his dog outside in the early evening hours on Aug. 24. When he heard the dog yelping and saw it in an encounter with a black bear, he intervened to rescue his pet.

Although the press release did not reveal his identity, The Highlander has independently confirmed that TJ Wilkinson was injured in the attack.

Wilkinson drove himself to the hospital for treatment of his injuries. His dog was also injured.

The bear left the home after the altercation.

Police responded to the home on Wonderland Road at 10:30 p.m. after being contacted by hospital staff. The Ministry of Natural Resources

and Forestry were notified and an investigation was launched.

The OPP is reminding the public that bear encounters in Haliburton County are not uncommon and should always be treated with extreme caution. When personal safety is a concern call the OPP immediately at 9-1-1.

For more information about dealing with bears visit ontario.ca/bearwise or contact the bear reporting line at 1-866-514-2327.



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- 159 foot lakefront on a nicely treed and landscaped one acre lot with sunset vistas.
- Solid three bedroom all brick construction with full walk out basement. Immaculate throughout.
- Spacious open concept living area, two baths, family room, screened in porch and more!

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION \$649,500



- Superb high visibility exposure and tremendous traffic flow!
- Over two acres with C-1 zoning. Town water and sewers-fully serviced.
- Spacious home, two commercial rental units. Condominium development anyone?
- Ideal for a new car dealership, restaurant, plaza, marina, RV centre or ???

MINDEN HOME \$139,500



- Valu priced three bedroom in town home close to all amenities.
- Open concept, spacious living and dining area, large deck, full basement.
- Bright country kitchen and a large level back yard. Perfect for the gardener.
- Forced air oil furnace, recent upgrades and renovations. Immediate possession.

KUSHOG LAKE ST. NORA \$259,500



- **NEW PRICE!**
- St. Margaret Island getaway cottage beckons. Private and pristine lake.
- Deeded main land parking. Three bedroom cottage, full bath, great docking.
- New septic system in 2005. Vaulted ceiling. All furnished including two motorized boats.
- Two lake chain offers miles of boating and exploring on Lake St. Nora and Kushog Lake.

MINDEN 3 BOOTH ST \$299,900



- **NEW PRICE!**
- Prime location! One acre property with plenty of parking. Close to Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire.
- Municipal water and sewers. Many upgrades. Stunning all brick century building with character.
- Zoning for an office, medical, bank, insurance and financial, retail establishment, restaurant, jewellery, antiques, salon or ????
- Seller will consider a lease to own proposal. Was \$349,900. Act fast! Immediate possession.

OLD DONALD ROAD \$249,500



- Spacious three bedroom bungalow with a full finished walk out basement.
- Large and bright living room, three bathrooms, spacious eat in country kitchen.
- Large deck, new windows throughout, main floor laundry, pellet wood stove.
- Private and nicely treed 1.2 acre lot close to Haliburton Village.

MOUNTAIN LAKE \$159,000



- **NEW PRICE!**
- Was \$225,000. Superb big lake view. Just minutes from Minden.
- Clean sandy shoreline. Two lake chain. Start building your dream home or cottage.
- Nicely treed, ideal for a walk out basement. Gorgeous waterfront homes on either side of this lot.
- Attention builders and contractors, this is a perfect building lot. Driveway in.

BOSHKUNG LAKE \$299,000



- **NEW PRICE!**
- Great level lot with a rippled sand beach and fantastic western exposure!
- Great starter cottage on this much sought after three lake chain.
- Two bedrooms, living area all done in pine, 3 pc. bath, large deck.
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- Acres of trails for hiking, biking, atv, snowmobiling

HALLS LAKE \$227,000



- Breathtaking big lake view on a level and nicely treed lot.
- Three bedrooms, large deck, 3 pc. bath and fully furnished.
- Immediate possession. Clean shoreline. Large storage shed.
- Great swimming, boating and fishing await! Valu priced starter cottage!

Editorial opinion

Happy trails

Tourists alone are not the answer to Haliburton County's economic woes, but most county politicians would probably say they are at least part of it.

That's why so much of their efforts are dedicated to bringing in more tourists. Efforts, and money.

In Highlands East, the big push is to attract tourists by offering a comprehensive and well-maintained network of multi-use trails.

Developing trail networks is not a bad idea. The HATVA Poker Run last weekend in Wilberforce brought riders into the municipality from across southern Ontario, some of whom stayed for two or three nights in the area. So the idea that ATVers will travel to ride excellent trails and spend money locally is sound.

The problem is how much work went into attracting those riders, and into planning the event. With only 40 riders showing up, the question arises whether or not the market for trails is big enough to warrant the effort.

Consultants for the Green's Mountain project say yes. In their public information meeting on Aug. 25, they said trails across Ontario are a multi-billion dollar business. They use that number to justify the Green's Mountain project, and their plan to focus solely on trail development at the site.

One Gooderham resident at the information session said she was disappointed after the meeting because she saw so much potential in the beginning, but that the draft master plan was a letdown. Her complaint was that the proposed recreation park doesn't boast any attractions beyond a trail system.

The plan calls for over \$200,000 in spending to create new trails,

and another \$40,000 to fix up the existing network. When all is said and done – after 10 years or so – there will be just over 100 kilometres of trails for off-roaders and hikers to use in the park. And while those trails may be used for educational programs and how-to workshops, the plan seems to fall short of the potential Green's Mountain had at the outset of this project.

Where are the attractions? Why not build a hut for winter activities like cross-country skiing or snow tubing? Set up a paddock and offer trail rides on horseback. Make it an adventure-tourism park by offering zip-lining down the mountain and installing the best climbing wall this side of Toronto. There's so much more that can be done than just building trails and expecting people to come far and wide to ride them, and you don't have to destroy the area's ecology to do it.

As the consultants were quick to point out, there are other fantastic trail-riding locations in Ontario. While they say that's proof it can work here, the reality is those places are established and already get the traffic. If Green's Mountain is to be successful, it needs to be different. There needs to be more.

Yes, trail riding brings new business into the municipality, but alone it will not be nearly enough to warrant the time, energy and money these consultants want to spend on the project. The municipality needs to scrap this plan and go back to the drawing board, otherwise Green's Mountain will end up as another opportunity wasted.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Signs, signs, everywhere signs



By Sue Tiffin

Election signs are up around the county earlier this year, offering local and seasonal residents plenty of time to have candidates' names burned into their memory as they drive by the cardboard placards.

One of my first post-university jobs was at a market research company where consumer and pharmaceutical corporations spent tens, sometimes hundreds, of thousands of dollars to get their branding just right. Parents gave their heartfelt opinion about commercials so potato chip companies knew which one to air, and doctors were paid more than I earned in a day for an hour of their time, which they spent discussing whether the box of a cholesterol lowering drug should be light, or lighter purple. Besides learning about the value of gourmet sandwiches clients ate behind a two-way mirror while watching respondents dish, I came to fully understand just how motivating branding could be.

So I set out to get an opinion about election signs posted by Brent Devolin, Brigitte Gall and Barb Reid. What do their signs say about them? Who gets it right? Who should reconsider the signs they've posted? I asked North American branding and analysis experts and artists to look at the signs and determine what they might say about candidates. Commentators were unfamiliar with the election campaign in Minden Hills and were instructed to not Google candidates until post-analysis. Here's what they had to say about the roadside advertisements:

What do the signs do well/how could they be improved?

"Not all include website information, and all likely should."

"Each use a strange combination of upper and lower case (they're all inconsistent)."

What do the features of each sign say to you?

"I wonder what the paint brush stroke is meant to represent in Devolin's."

"It's subjective, but I think that Gall has the best use of colours to grab attention."

"Again, subjective, but I like Devolin's font choice. It's cleaner than the rest."

"You don't want to use colours as a background. It's more expensive and a white background makes a sign easiest to read."

What do you think of the candidates based on their signs alone?

Devolin: Serious in nature. The

paintbrush stroke makes me think that this person wants to "touch up" the current administration. A go-getter.

Devolin: The colours are all right, friendly. The font is okay but kinda dull. The little paint swatch of blue makes me think he's probably a conservative candidate. Unfortunately, all of the blue really gets lost within the green background, so it doesn't stand out much. I don't think this sign does a lot to show the candidate's personality. The larger, bolder font for the last name makes me think that the focus is more on the last name than the whole name. As an aside, knowing that his brother, Barry Devolin, has been in politics for years, I'm wondering if he's coasting on that a bit?

Gall: More "upbeat". Also wants change.

Gall: I think this is by far the best-designed sign. It's friendly, the font is nice and is a friendly blue colour. It is cheerful without being silly and the red check mark looks positive. I would assume that this is a younger candidate who is more open and modern and friendly. I wouldn't assume that the candidate necessarily had a lot of experience but the sign seems "fresher" somehow.

Gall would be my choice based on the signs. Easiest to read and clean.

Reid: Old and boring. Happy with the way things currently are. Obvious that this person thinks she's going to win.

Reid: This sign is my least favourite. The colour (if that even is a colour) is dull.

The font is the most basic one you can get, and the weird shape gives the centre of it a squished look. I would assume from the design and slogan that this is a significantly older candidate who is mainly interested in maintaining the status quo.

I don't get the impression that anything new or interesting would be on the horizon with her. Honestly, this looks to me like someone couldn't be bothered to put the time or money into creating a decent sign.

Reid's slogan catches my attention. It's positive and strong.

Based on their analysis, it looks like some candidates might want to take their signs back to the drawing board. Ideally though, residents will base their vote on what the candidates say, rather than just what their signs say. For more information about your local candidates, be sure to get informed by watching the Know Your Candidates series at HighlanderOnline.ca.

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Letters to the editor

The Perfect Bite Eatery: a gastronomic delight no one should miss

Dear editor,

My friend Shelly and I make an exodus from the city to the Kawarthas every summer to rent a cottage and explore the beautiful area. We always discover incredible finds in the most unexpected spots, and this year was no exception!

On a grocery run, we rolled into the little town of Gooderham and spotted a sign that read 'The Perfect Bite Eatery'. Since we were starving, we decided to stop for lunch. We soon discovered that this eatery was no ordinary one. When my banquet burger arrived, I noticed that the bun was homemade. It was crispy outside and so moist inside. We were told that the chef

arrives at 5 a.m. to bake the hamburger buns, along with the other delicious pastries displayed in the front showcase for take-out.

The burger was composed of a delicious blend of beef and spices, was huge and cooked to perfection. Shelly ordered the spicy taco salad which arrived with a gourmet blend of vegetables and perfectly seasoned beef. The owners and waitress of the Perfect Bite Eatery made us feel like family. I would highly recommend this well-kept secret to anyone who enjoys an affordable meal that's a cut above.

Bonnie Fowler
Toronto

Beware of bad deals

Dear editor,

I recently purchased a used automobile privately. I made a huge mistake by not having a certification check before the transaction was complete. The seller, a very nice person, was under the impression her vehicle did not have much wrong with it other than a few minor things not included in a safety requirement check.

In June of this year, she had the snow tires taken off by one of our local

establishments, which will remain nameless. They offered a great deal to change the tires and check the brakes at the same time. When she picked up the car, she allegedly asked about the brakes, because she had noticed a peculiarity in their performance. And also allegedly, she was told they were fine.

When I received the car from this seller, I took it to get certified only to find both sets of brakes were toast. The cost to replace was over \$600 plus tax. She

phoned the tire installer and was allegedly told you have to specifically ask for a brake check.

Now I know what you are thinking. Brake check, another cost, then an estimate on the brakes, but they did not do the check? Smells like a scam where the ad was just a come-on and they don't bother inspecting anything. So, the point being, always take a used car to get completely checked before funds change hands and don't believe everything you

see in an advertisement. Make sure the company delivers what they say.

As an add-on to this, I do not blame the seller, she was hoodwinked and her complaint was sidestepped. I certainly will not visit this establishment and to anyone who asks me, they will not remain nameless.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Photo of the week



Photo by Joe Davis

Baby birds cry out for dinner.

Going down the tube

As rights of passage or major firsts go with regards to mine and my family's life in Canada, it probably isn't really up there with taking our inaugural canoe trip, shooting my first deer (something I have yet to achieve), or being formally introduced to a double double and Boston cream. However, this weekend my lovely wife, Little Z and I took our maiden voyage in, or rather on, tubes. Yes, we did our first ever river float.

Now, I have often seen the phenomenon. Driving through Minden, I've smiled and waved at the flotillas of families bobbing sedately along on the Gull, their assortment of craft ranging from pool noodles to blow-up creatures – sharks being a favourite – inflatable mattresses and of course the giant black inner tube. And I wondered what it would be like to take to the water in such a relaxed and reclined fashion. Well, this afternoon it seemed I was most certainly not about to find out.

When friends, the indomitable Kuttler-Belly's, invited us on a float, we jumped at the chance knowing that we'd be in the hands of experienced outdoorsy types. What we hadn't taken into account was their all too keen sense of adventure. It

was not the Gull, drifting slowly through town for us, oh no! It was, however, a run down the Drag River from a point deep in the bush, which to get to meant clambering along an overgrown path carrying our giant inner tubes (the Kuttler-Belly's do nothing by halves), being bled dry by mosquitoes, while trying to ensure that we didn't fall into the swathes of poison ivy that lined our trail.

On getting to the water we launched into a pool in a back eddy off to the side of a set of rapids. Legs sunk knee-deep into the mud on the river bottom and an odour similar to that of a septic tank with the lid off wafted to our nostrils.

"What's that smell, daddy?" said Little Z, his hand clamped firmly across his face.

"It's just the mud on the river bottom," I replied, trying to stifle my gag reflex.

"I don't think I want to get in there," came his response but it was too late because my lovely wife was already in and floundering around trying to mount her tube, so she'd be damned if we chickened out now.

Once on our tubes and paddling toward the main current the smell subsided, thankfully. Little Z was roped to my tube and we began to bob along merrily, albeit

backwards down our first set of rapids.

"Bums up!" came the cry. I heeded it not and regretted my lack of awareness almost instantly. Bump, bump bump, 'argh, oh, ow!' My backside was bouncing along the rocky river bottom, the sensation somewhere between being hit with a baseball bat (my rump bashing against the larger rocks) and dragging my backside over a cheese grater. Perhaps that's how the river got its name!

Little Z fared somewhat better, his lightness and unwillingness to allow his bum to dip into the water at all, saving him from the bottom bruising. And, as we slowed to a more sedate drift, he giggled at me as I cursed and tried to spin around to actually see what we were heading for next.

Splashing around to face forward I was almost immediately met by the branches of a low hanging tree. We'd drifted towards the bank and now I was fighting my way through twigs littered with long dried flood debris that had since been inhabited by entire ecosystems of insects. From dock spiders to earwigs, caterpillars to shiny black beetles, they all poured forth onto me with such vigour that I began to believe that they thought me the Ark,

sent to save them from another spate of summer high water!

Oh, how my son laughed as I flipped wrong side up in my haste to rid myself of my unwanted passengers.

I came up spluttering with both boy and wife laughing at me. "I could have drowned," I snorted.

"You're sitting on the bottom," was my lovely wife's reply as she floated serenely away.

The rest of the drift was a little less eventful, thankfully. I got my sea legs, by which I mean I gained some control of my tube and was able to at least partially avoid other oncoming obstacles, and, I was quick to quite literally 'haul ass', whenever the "Bums up!" call was made.

The river float is, as mentioned, probably not one of the all-time Canadian 'must do' activities but it is a local favourite, and something that I had wanted to try. That said, I wanted to try that archetypal deep fried snack, the beaver tail, when at the Ottawa Winterlude last year but when I did it was smelly, slippery, soggy and the crunch came in all the wrong places... Just like floating down the Drag River!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What do you think about Janis Parker running for reeve in Dysart et al?



Bry Blair

Haliburton

It will certainly make the election more interesting. I wish them both well and I hope that they make it interesting.

Jennifer Ustianov

Haliburton

I think that it is always good to give people a choice. But I do not know the idiosyncrasies of the people or the power of their influence. It is great to have a choice.



Marilyn Frost

Haliburton

I think that it is fantastic. I love Murray but it is really good to have competition.

Leanne Crossley

Haliburton

How good would Tim Hortons be without competition?



Robert McMullen

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I do not know who she is.

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Challenger takes on Kauffeldt

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The election in Highlands East has kicked off.

Cam McKenzie, a former employee of the Ministry of Natural Resources and a member of the Highlands East Fire Department in Cardiff, has filed his nomination papers for councillor of Ward 1. He will challenge incumbent Steve Kauffeldt for the seat.

"I've always had an interest in this community," McKenzie said. "I've been here 45 years."

He said as a lifelong civil servant, running for council was the next step. "I raised three children here and a granddaughter," McKenzie said. "All had to leave the community because of employment opportunities."

While he said some business developments in the area would be unacceptable to his constituents — such as a dump site for Toronto's garbage — there are other opportunities for light industry in his ward.

"I would certainly keep my mind open," he said.

Another priority in Cardiff is its

aging water infrastructure.

"I think our sewer and water infrastructure here need some maintenance," McKenzie said.

The water plants have recently been upgraded and are in good order, but he said the water mains break several times each winter.

"I don't think that's going to get any better. They're going to continue to occur and you're never going to fix them all. It's not going to last forever and needs to be planned for."

As a firefighter in Cardiff, McKenzie said recruitment needs to be a priority in his area and across the department. If elected, he would also work to secure funding for firefighter training.

"I'd like to see staffing go back up and resources available for high quality training as well," he said. "We're at eight firefighters right now, and only one of [them] are new. Some calls we're doing may be understaffed."

Cardiff's pool needs to remain open, he said, as it gives kids an activity to do in the community that gets them out of the house.

"I would support keeping that open,

certainly for the youth. And I'd like to see some minor sports out here."

Across the municipality, McKenzie said the priorities need to be roads, fire protection and environmental services. While the new OPP billing model is going to provide a challenge come budget time, he said the municipality will have to find ways to reduce costs for taxpayers so they don't have to deal with an increase in their taxes.

There may also be ways to save money on policing costs by looking at a community watch program to reduce the number of annual calls for police in Highlands East, and to look into other crime prevention opportunities.

"There might be some opportunity in that vein," he said. "We used to have policing committees."

Although McKenzie admits he is not a businessman or familiar with municipal budgets, he said living in the area for 45 years makes him an excellent candidate for the ward's councillor seat.

"I like to talk, I like people, and I think I'm a good listener," he said. "Those, I think, have got to be positive things for a councillor."

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Highlands East gets draft plan for trails park

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The draft recreational master plan for the Green's Mountain site in Gooderham will be presented to Highlands East council in September, but members of the public and other stakeholders had the first opportunity to weigh in.

David Clark of David A. Clark Consulting Inc., the firm that completed the master plan, presented it at a public meeting held in Gooderham on Aug. 25.

"We listened to people and feel strongly this plan reflects what we were told," Clark said.

Green's Mountain has been earmarked for a recreational park project, wherein ATVs, hikers, and other nature enthusiasts will find kilometres of trails to enjoy and other activities to participate in. Clark said the process started with a meeting with Highlands East council to receive direction, followed by research into the site's and community's condition, the area's tourism needs, and meetings with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

Clark said the master plan sets an overall vision and direction for the site.

He assured those in attendance that the public would continue to have a say in the process going forward, even though the draft is ready for council to approve.

According to Clark, the development at Green's Mountain could have a significant impact on the area's economy.

"[There's been a] 65 per cent increase year

over year since 2009 in the United States of people wanting outdoor experiences," he said. "That speaks well for the kinds of activities Green's Mountain can attract visitors for ... bottom line is, there is an opportunity here to create some economic benefit."

There are currently 25 kilometres of existing trails around the Green's Mountain site. The proposal is to upgrade those trails, and create an additional 84.6 kilometres of trails that have already been scoped out as part of the draft master plan process by Ken Hoeveerman of Happy Trails Construction.

"This is a place where people can interact with nature in a responsible way that is respectful of the environment," Clark said. "They learn things through the education programs, but being in the environment in a way that pleases them and suits them, and they can make choices in the activities they participate in."

The majority of trails will be multi-use, however some will be for hiking only.

Clark said the park will provide educational programs and experiential learning, introductions to the outdoors and how-to sessions, and be a place to host special events such as the Canada Day celebrations.

The MNR will be a key partner in the development of the site, he said, and will need to sign off on new trails to make sure unique vegetation and geological features, as well as wildlife, are not impacted.

The consultants estimated a cost of \$41,500 to refurbish the existing trails, and another \$241,000 to build the 84.6 kms of new trails.

That works out to an average of \$2,500 per new kilometre. They plan to fund the project through grant applications to organizations like the Ontario Power Sports Group and the National Trails Coalition, which just established a \$10 million fund.

The park itself will generate revenue through fees and permits, memberships, and programming fees, he said.

In order to save money on the development, Clark said the community will need to rally behind the project and volunteer to help with building the new trails.

The master plan also calls for the municipality to provide oversight of the park, but that its management will be handled by a nine-member board of directors, and three committees.

It lays out a 10-year plan for how the site will be developed. Years one and two will focus on upgrading existing trails and creating a new entrance at the west end of the park so that property owners at the current entrance won't notice increased traffic. They will also tackle mountain routes, repair damages, and build a linkage to the north. The other priority in this phase will be to develop a single-use hiking route.

Years two and three will see new trail planning, mapping and marking of proposed trails, and the preparation of MNR work permits. The board will also identify local

mineral exploration sites, install geocaches, and design and install interpretive signage.

The next phase, years three to 10, will be dominated by new trail construction and the installation of additional facilities as needed.

"The vision is big, the vision is complete, and the vision is absolutely achievable," Clark said.

Not all participants at the meeting were as enthusiastic. One pair who live next to Green's Mountain said they did not receive promised communication from the consultants after the stakeholders meeting.

They said that when trails become managed, they get turned into very simple and easy trails.

Hoeveerman said that wasn't necessarily the case, and that the thrill

and adventure of riding these trails will not be removed.

Another participant asked what portion of the trails will be earmarked for specialty uses, like horseback riding and hiking.

"It's a multi-use site, first of all," Clark said. "Trails are normally built to the size of the largest thing that's going to use them."

He said the board will determine how the trails will be developed and for what use.

The consultants will meet with the Green's Mountain project group prior to taking the master plan to council for approval in September.

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Scramble starts to mitigate OPP costs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Based on initial estimates, taxpayers in Dysart can expect to pay \$11.21 more per \$100,000 of the assessed value of their property in the first year of the new OPP billing model.

That amounts to an extra \$313,000 for policing costs in 2015 with no change in service.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell presented the numbers to council at their Aug. 25 meeting.

"What they've done is they've capped the increase at \$40 per household and that will be over five years," said Swannell.

"That just compounds," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Then next year they add another \$313,000."

Under the current model, the amount that municipalities pay is based on calls for service, actual detachment staffing level, and salaries, wages and benefits. With the new model, which was recently announced by Ontario Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi, base costs account for 60 per cent of a municipality's bill while calls for service make up the remaining 40 per cent.

Fearrey expressed his disappointment with the new model, as did the county in a press release sent to the media on Aug. 15.

"I guess the disturbing part is we thought we were paying our share before – and I think we were – but now they've broken the formula down into 60 per cent base and 40 per cent calls, so instead of paying for the [detachment] we're in a big pool with everybody in Ontario in that 60 per cent," Fearrey told council.

Fearrey said that people across the municipality did a good job of lobbying for a fair model.

"Some people think we didn't do enough, but residents across this municipality made excellent presentations and there was great support from all the cottage associations. If all the municipalities had picked it up as well as Haliburton County did, we would have gotten some better results," he said.

Fearrey concluded by saying that this will force the municipality to look at other alternatives, although he's not sure what they might be.

Policing costs are expected to increase by more than \$3 million over a five-year period across the county's four municipalities.

The OPP billing model was also a topic of discussion at the Algonquin Highlands council meeting on Aug. 21.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said one of the concerns is the misinformation that policing is enhanced during cottage season.

"That's incorrect," she said. "No more officers are assigned."

Danielsen, who recently returned from an Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, said there is frustration among other municipalities as well as Algonquin Highlands that the model was completed so quickly, before proper number crunching was completed.

"If you haven't got all your numbers done, what are you doing this for," she said.

During meetings with councillors from other counties that were negatively impacted by the new model, Danielsen said she was shocked to discover some didn't know about the upcoming changes.

"I spoke to members of council and two members of county councils, and they didn't know," she said. "It turned out they were negatively impacted. If anybody wants to suggest we were sleeping at the switch, I think not."

One success of the county-wide lobby, she said, was that the province agreed to phase in the new model over five years. Talks have now turned to how municipalities can try to reduce their policing costs.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said even if policing costs are reduced, the OPP will still need to get their money from the municipalities.

"The taxpayers will have to absorb it," she said. "The decision's been made. There's nowhere else for the OPP to get their money."

Moffatt said the municipality will be faced with some tough budget decisions, and that new projects that were on the books may need to be eliminated.

"It's going to be a tricky budget discussion, that's for sure."

Some people think we didn't do enough, but residents across this municipality made excellent presentations and there was great support from all the cottage associations.

Murray Fearrey
reeve, Dysart et al



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Photo by Mark Arike

Dysart councillors watch a series of films about the municipality on Aug. 25 in council chambers.

Short promo films educate and entertain

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Several short videos that showcase the Municipality of Dysart et al have now been completed, but more are on the way.

Dysart councillors had an opportunity to see nine videos, all of which were shot and edited by Sticks and Stones Productions, following their Aug. 25 council meeting.

Completed videos cover a variety of topics including business development, arts and culture, alternative energy and conservation. Four more videos are in the works as part of the series.

"We love that they all really work together and feed off each other, so when you watch one it makes you want to watch another," said Tammy Rea, principal of Sticks and Stones Productions.

According to chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee, the videos will be utilized in a number of ways to promote the municipality.

"We hope to use the videos for different purposes as some have entertainment value while some of them are purely educational," wrote Wilbee in an email.

For example, a video about local landfills and recycling programs titled "Trash Talk" has been used to spark discussions with local schools, the Haliburton Village BIA, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association.

Wilbee said the municipality will try to encourage lake associations, businesses and

other organizations to create links to the videos to help spread their messages far and wide. They will also pursue opportunities for provincial and national recognition to draw further attention to them.

"In terms of the more promotional videos, they are meant to not only remind our permanent and seasonal residents what a great place we live in or what opportunities exist, but also to invite the rest of the world to



get a little glimpse at what can be achieved within our incredible physical and social environment," she said.

The video project was funded by the municipality and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The Ontario Trillium Foundation contributed to the video on Glebe Park and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport pitched in for the recreation video currently in the works.

The videos will be played during ColourFest on Oct. 4 at the Village Barn on Highland Street. They can also be viewed on the municipality's website at dysartetal.ca/videos.

Road washouts take bite out of budget

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Road washouts and snow plowing have resulted in a budget overrun of \$320,000 in Dysart this year.

During an Aug. 25 council meeting, director of public works Brian Nicholson reported that about \$280,000

of that has been spent on fixing washouts. The majority of the damage was caused by heavy rainfall that dumped more than three inches of water on Haliburton in June.

Nicholson said that most of the repairs have been completed, with the exception of some shoulder work and full-width patching.

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Dysart looks to tap into new fund

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Dysart staff will be looking for funding from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to assist with the rehabilitation of the Oblong Bridge in Fort Irwin.

On Aug. 25, council voted in favour of a recommendation from Brian Nicholson, director of public works, to submit an expression of interest to the new \$100-million fund, which was announced by the provincial government last week.

The fund is comprised of two components: formula-based funding and application-based funding.

The guaranteed grant amount is a minimum of \$25,000, which may be spent on capital projects or capital maintenance for the renewal, rehabilitation and replacement of core infrastructure or development and implementation of the Asset Management Plan (AMP). Through the application-based side of the fund, up

to 90 per cent of the project may be funded by a grant.

"Keep your fingers crossed and we'll go for the 90 per cent," said Nicholson.

After completing a Bridge Needs Study and AMP, it was determined that the bridge was in need of repairs. In 2013, Wills Engineering investigated the bridge and provided options for rehabilitation.

The project is expected to cost \$655,000. The municipality has set aside \$65,500 in the 2015 budget, based on a successful application for 90 per cent of the entire cost.

"I think we've kind of endorsed it — that was our next bridge," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The deadline for expressions of interest to the fund is Sept. 19.

The purpose of the province's fund is to "support the revitalization and repair of roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities."

Business owner jumps in

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

Paudash Lake resident and business owner Adam Szelei will challenge incumbent Ward 2 councillor and Highlands East deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge in the upcoming election.

"I've always thought about running for council even when I was in Port Carling," Szelei said of his nomination for Ward 2. "It's a good way to make a difference."

Szelei moved to Paudash Lake five years ago when he opened his restaurant, Mirrors Café and Lounge, along Highway 28. He is a business owner, financial advisor, and a firefighter with the Highlands East Fire Department.

While he said the municipality is taking some positive steps, there are certain things that need to change.

"The biggest thing in Highlands East is everybody pays taxes, but I don't know where my taxes are going and I'm concerned about how they're being spent," he said. "I think a lot of changes need to be done."

He cited road and water infrastructure in Cardiff and Wilberforce as two major areas of concern.

"It's all a matter of time before [the water lines] are going to fail," he said.

Szelei said it's important to fix underlying problems before building on top.

"What's a library if everything is collapsing beneath it?"

If elected, he would like to possibly build a splash pad for the kids outside the Cardiff pool. The park would include benches for seating and WiFi, he said.

"Everyone's connected," said Szelei. "It would be nice to bring people to that park so parents can do work and kids can play in the splash park."

If elected, Szelei said his priority will be to be accountable to his constituents. He will look to include lists with tax bills that outline what money has gone towards which projects.

"I'm very assertive," he said. "I'm not a follower, I'm a leader."

Despite his assertiveness, Szelei said he's also a good listener and works well with others. His vision for the Highlands East council is to work together for the betterment of the entire municipality.

"It's important to look at it as a whole," he said. "I plan to work with the councillors and sit down, discuss what needs to be discussed, and then leave things on the table and not bring it outside."

Although he's a new face, Szelei said change can be a good thing.

"Sometimes change is good. Getting new people [on council] with new thoughts and opinions is sometimes a good thing for an area."

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Chyna Schell holds a cake that was made by one of her dance students.

New dance studio space comes to life

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With friends, family and her dancers by her side, Chyna Schell welcomed the community to her dance studio's new home on Aug. 23.

"I had tons of volunteers and tons of very much appreciated help," said Schell, owner of Haliburton Dance Academy (HDA).

Although the regular season doesn't start until Sept. 22, Schell's summer programming has been offered to students at her business's new location in Haliburton's old Victoria Street School since June. Prior to the move, she ran HDA out of a space on

Maple Avenue for two years.

Located on the third floor of the historic building, the space underwent several weeks of renovations to get it ready for students and instructors.

"Pretty much anything you can think of had to be done," laughed Schell, who enlisted the help of her family, friends and dancers to turn her vision into a reality.

The space includes two studios, one of which will soon feature a new vinyl roll-out dance floor. This will make it easier on the dancer's joints as they perform their routines.

"It's a really beautiful flooring that works really well with tap shoes, ballet, anything," she said.

Other highlights include high ceilings, renovated change rooms, lockers and new flooring. Blinds and windows were installed by the building's other tenant, Community Living Haliburton County.

"The building is coming back to life, which is fun to watch," said the 25-year-old entrepreneur.

Festivities at Saturday's grand opening event included children's games, a barbecue and the launch of the studio's new clothing line.

Registration for the 2014-15 dance season will be held on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10, between 3:30-6 p.m. on both days.



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Guerilla Art: are we immune?

Art, in the not so distant past, was defined by 'isms' which signified various movements or styles. Some examples of isms are Expressionism, Abstract expressionism, Classicism, Cubism, Realism, and Surrealism. They all had their adherents among the arts cognoscenti and they all had their 'star' artists whose works defined the movements and even helped define historic eras.

The academic schools of art, whereby apprentices learned their trade after years of study under masters, are, for the most part, a thing of the past. They were replaced by shorter art courses, latter day isms and more recently by a contemporary aesthetic which stresses a more individual, spontaneous expression. But constant repetition of any form ultimately produces a movement, and call it what you will, any sustained movement becomes an ism of sorts.

One of today's contemporary isms can be generally classified under the heading of street or guerilla art (Guerillism?), which pertains to any art developed in public spaces. The somewhat interchangeable terms can include traditional graffiti art, as well as stencil work, sticker art, street poster art, video projection, and three-dimensional street installations.

If you're more of an art traditionalist

and do not appreciate any form of street or guerilla art and hope that it just goes away, your wishes are not likely to come to fruition any time soon. This is due to the trend of corporate collecting, and some might say, art hoarding, by tycoons who are striving to attain as much street art, by recognized artists, as they can. Guerilla/street art is the hot new genre.

If you want to find out more about the street art movement watch the film "Exit Through the Gift Shop." The synopsis posted by the Sundance film festival tells the story of how an eccentric French shopkeeper and amateur filmmaker (in L.A.) attempts to locate and befriend Banksy, (the world's best known street artist) only to have the artist turn the camera back on him. The film contains footage of Banksy, Shephard Fairey, Invader, and many of the world's most infamous street artists, in interviews and at work. As Banksy describes it, "It's basically the story of how one man set out to film the un-filmable, and failed." Incidentally, Banksy directed the film, and in my opinion did a great job. In the film you will be treated to a visual explanation and exploration of the art forms and also see the incredible prices being paid by institutions and individuals for Banksy's art.

To date just about all guerilla/street art is created and displayed in urban centres. But I believe that the day is not too far off when you'll see this art in the Highlands.

I had my own guerilla art eureka moment many years ago, before this art form became the force that it is today. After a lengthy trek through the Highlands bush my friend and I came upon a small lake. Across the lake from us was a high cliff face which dropped off, straight down into the water, and I immediately thought what a great 'canvas' it would make for some artist. I just really liked the concept of art unexpectedly appearing in a wilderness context.

Art in woods and on rocks is not a new thing. Indigenous peoples the world over have painted and carved on and into rocks, and the closest rock carvings to us are to be found in the Petroglyphs Provincial Park near Peterborough. People have been painting their undying love on rock faces along our highways for years, and there are many murals on walls in our communities, though admittedly they were commissioned, not put up illegally.

Street art attained its status because it is often created on walls and structures without the owner's permission. It's daring, sometimes dangerous to display, and its messages are often politically

provocative. It can be looked upon as an illegal and illegitimate art form.

But guerilla/street art, like all anti-establishment art movements, changes with its acceptance by the corporate world. So slowly the genre is losing its illegitimacy and becoming legit; part of the establishment itself. But guerilla art is still in its infancy, and until it is established to death there are new locales for its artists to discover.

Places like the Haliburton Highlands offer guerilla artists unique opportunities to showcase their works in a non-urban setting, and I predict that it's only a matter of time until we see such work in our communities and in our wilderness places.

At one time I would have considered this a sacrilege but after my eureka moment and after seeing Exit Through the Gift Shop, I'm not so sure.

Guerilla art in the Highlands? I think we're not immune, and that one day it's going to happen. But maybe by then it'll be called Enviroism, and we might grudgingly accept it.

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By George Farrell

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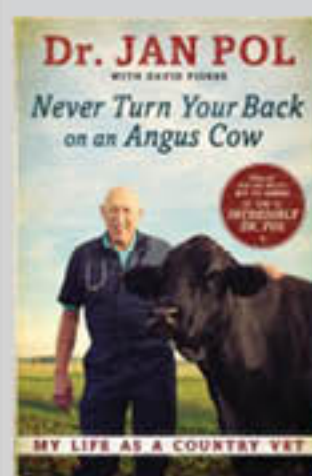
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Left: Kijong Wi (left) as Cavaradossi, meets his recently escaped friend Angelotti, played by Nathan Keoughan. Top: Sarah Vardy as Tosca realizes her lover is dead. Right: Members of the choir rounded out the cast of Tosca.

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Above: Justin Welsh portrays the evil Scarpia in the Highlands Opera Studio performance of *Tosca*. Below: *Tosca* struggles to overcome Scarpia's advances.



Love and corruption in the Highlands

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

An epic story of love and power was played out at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, as members of the Highlands Opera Studio performed Puccini's *Tosca*.

The opera takes place over a single day in Rome, back in the year 1800. It tells the story of Floria Tosca and her love, Mario Cavaradossi, as they are harassed by the city's corrupt chief of police, Baron Scarpia.

Scarpia lusts after Tosca, and he imprisons Cavaradossi and uses him as leverage to have his way with her. However, the end of the

second act and the third advance quickly, as Tosca refuses to give in to Scarpia's depravity.

The opera was performed on Aug. 22, 24 and 26. The final performance is scheduled for Aug. 28.

Tosca is the studio's main performance of the season. It wraps up a month-long summer program, and all Canadian performers are attending on a full scholarship, according to the studio's website. The program's participants are chosen through an extensive audition process across Canada and into New York City. The opera studio was established in 2007.

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Photo submitted by Jennifer Morrow

Jennifer Morrow is excited to take over as the Minden Animal Hospital's new owner.

Minden Animal Hospital gets new owner

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

Veterinarian Jennifer Morrow will be taking over as Minden Animal Hospital and Pet Resort's new owner on Sept. 15. This will be Morrow's first time owning and operating a business.

Morrow has been a cottager in Haliburton County for nearly 30 years.

"I've been a vet for five years, in Toronto and Guelph and for the last couple of years I've been self-employed as a locum [temporary] veterinarian," she said. "It's given me a lot of new experiences and learning opportunities."

Last year Morrow took a course on acupuncture through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS), to

obtain a certificate in the field. The use of acupuncture to manage pain is a very old practice for human health, but has more recently been directed towards animals.

"[Acupuncture] is good for resolving inflammation, and it's a different form of pain control. It helps reset an animal's balance, and helps restore an animal's blood flow to certain areas. It has a lot of different possibilities."

Morrow must complete a couple of case studies before she is fully certified, but looks forward to using the therapy. Once she receives her certification she will be added to the IVAS website as a practising acupuncture veterinarian.

Currently living in Guelph, Morrow is looking forward to moving to the county she loves so well, doing the work she is passionate about.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I've wanted to be an owner of a clinic almost as long as I've wanted to be a veterinarian, and getting to do it in Minden is great. I thought moving up to the area might be put off until retirement."

Both Morrow's parents are active volunteers in the area, and she said she is excited to reach out and help the community, continuing on the works of current Minden Animal Hospital owner Dr. Carol Sanio.

In addition to the business opportunity of owning and running the Minden Animal Hospital and Pet Resort, Morrow is looking forward to Kawartha Dairy ice cream, hiking trails, reading by the water and/or fireplace, and continuing to challenge herself with running.



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Shabby chic shop opens in Ingoldsby

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

There's no better view for a Highlands cottage or home décor shop than overlooking a beautiful lake.

Jenifer Scarrow, owner of Butternut Mercantile & Coffee Parlour has found such a location.

Scarrow opened her shop on July 4, but held her official grand opening on Aug. 23. Her mother, Linda Catenazzi, owned the Kash Landing Café for 17 years at the same location.

"My store was down south in Ormo, and mom thought this would be a better opportunity to bring this store here," Scarrow said. "It's a bigger location, a beautiful view, but the opportunity to expand the store was the big thing."

Scarrow describes her shop as shabby chic, repurposed vintage goods, and country home décor.

"I take old, ugly antique garbage stuff and make it into other things," she said.

One of her items for sale is an old metal bed frame. She cut the footboard in half and made a bench, which she said would be a nice piece for a front foyer or entrance.

Scarrow took the panels out of an old door, replaced them with blackboard, and attached old water fixtures to act as a coat rack for a cottage entryway. It's also a great place to write down lists or schedules, she said.

"Some things I make, I don't necessarily



Above: Butternut Mercantile owner Jenifer Scarrow cuts the ribbon to mark the grand opening of her store in Ingoldsby. From left are Taylor Gill, Lauren Hunter, Rosemarie Jung, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, owner Jenifer Scarrow, and Linda Catenazzi. Right: Jenifer Scarrow creates many of the pieces for her sale in her shop.

change their purpose. I do the repainting, and I actually carry the line of paint that I use."

Her new shop has space for a workshop, which was another reason to make the move. While she hasn't decided yet for certain, Scarrow is playing with the idea of hosting workshops next year to teach customers how

to use some of the products she sells to make their own unique pieces.

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Harcourt builder hosts next season of Cottage Life show

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The second season of Decks, Docks and Gazebos is being filmed in Harcourt Park, and one local contractor is lucky enough to be the star of the show.

"I went for an on-camera interview and sent them some pictures of my work, and basically got hired on for 13 episodes," said Jason Lake, owner of Jason Lake Construction in a phone interview.

"It was actually a nice surprise," he said.

The producers at Picton-based WhistleStop Productions came across Lake as they searched for someone who would be a good fit for the show.

"Jason is a very busy contractor in the Haliburton area and one of his specialties is building decks, docks and gazebos," said producer Nicole Butler. "He has a flare for design and finishing his projects beautifully. He's of course not only experienced at what he does, he's also very charming and engaging as a host."

Lake is also the owner of the new South Algonquin 50s Diner, which is scheduled to open in Minden next month.

As it turns out, this won't be his first television appearance. For three years, Lake worked with Jim Caruk on the HGTV series Real Renos.

"I was a sidekick with Jim on the show a

little bit," said Lake, a cottager-turned-resident who moved to Harcourt Park three years ago.

Lake has been in construction for the past eight years. He started his own business three years ago, and specializes in complete builds, renovations and of course, decks, docks and gazebos.

Each episode highlights the building process from start to finish, and showcases unique and challenging builds and renos.

"Building on location is key for this do-it-yourself and design show because questions about terrain, type of shoreline and type of waterway always figure into the design," Butler explained. "Every deck, dock or gazebo we build is not only beautiful, it also has to be functional."

A variety of builds will be included in the series, some of which are shot at new cottages and others at older ones.

"It might be a challenge like creating a larger outdoor living area, or demolishing a waterlogged broken dock, or even converting an unused shed into a gazebo. Every project is unique and they all tell a story," she said.

Filming commenced at properties in the Harcourt Park area mid-July. Butler said this location was chosen because "it's a beautiful setting epitomizing everything that is so special about cottage country."

While on set, Butler said he just tries to be himself. Two workers have assisted him with the majority of the projects.

"I walk by with a two-by-four, once or twice



Photo by Matthew Deerosiers

Jason Lake puts together a floating dock under the lens of cameraman Barry Springgay. in front of the camera," he quipped, adding that he has a few lines in the show, including educational talks.

Lake is grateful to receive the additional exposure for his business and is proud to be part of an educational program.

"The show will give people an idea of what

they can do with their own properties," he said.

The second season of Decks, Docks and Gazebos will air on the Cottage Life Channel next spring. For a list of the channels that the station is on, visit cottagelife.com.



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Top left: Brandon Logan picks up his complimentary growler from Jennifer Paton of Boshkung Brewing Co. Top right: From left, VDO board members Janis Parker, Bill Kerr and Lisa Kerr announce the clinic's \$1 million milestone. Above left and right: Golfers congregate in front of Rhubarb Restaurant for lunch.

Golf tourney raises \$40k for dental outreach

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

On a day when the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) raised over \$40,000 through its annual golf tournament, the organization also announced it had hit a major milestone.

Since its inception three years ago, the VDO has provided over \$1 million in dental care to Haliburton County residents.

"When the VDO started three years ago, we did not fully appreciate that so many people were in such desperate

need of what dentists consider full mouth rehabilitation," said VDO director Lisa Kerr. "This means that for these patients, most of their teeth need to be fixed or removed."

Kerr said the VDO hit the \$1 million milestone thanks to its volunteers.

"Having reached the million dollars' worth of care provided in such a short time happened because many of the volunteer dental professionals saw the need and continued to return to care for the patients they were assigned," she said. "It represents hundreds of days of volunteers

to benefit people in our community in real need and the overall improvement in hundreds of people's health in our county."

Fellow board member Betty Mills said the milestone represents the VDO helping to make dreams come true.

The sold-out golf tournament on Aug. 21 at Blairhampton Golf Club raised money that will be used to purchase dental supplies and cover operating expenses, said Kerr. This was the tournament's fourth year.

"The golf tournament was a tremendous success," she said. "We had many local


businesses sponsor the event as hole sponsors and by providing silent auction items."

Kerr said 147 golfers participated. Next year's tournament is already scheduled for Aug. 20, 2015, and this September both Tim Hortons locations in the county will donate their Smile Cookie Campaign proceeds to the VDO.


Kerr said the VDO continues to actively recruit dental professionals to volunteer at the clinic. Patients and volunteers interested in contacting the VDO can call 705-457-3111 or visit dental-outreach.com.



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Owner of Minden's chemical-free farm on Spring Valley Road, Andrew Graham, at his garden.

Chemical-free Minden farm offers fresh local produce

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

In the spring of 2014, Andrew Graham and his partner Shannon Blanchard planted a 4.5 acre farm on Spring Valley Road in Minden, and the chemical-free crops are now ready for harvesting.

"We just started at the Haliburton and Carleton Place farmers' markets," said Graham. "A lot of restaurants buy off of me too, including Abbey Gardens, which is a big help."

Many of the plants in the garden were hand-transplanted by Graham and Blanchard, while others were grown from seeds. Each row of fruits and vegetables is 200 feet long and three feet wide, yielding 700 of each zucchini, pumpkin, and watermelon plants, 1,200 cucumber plants, 300 pepper plants, and 420 tomato plants, while the numbers of grown-from-seed plants are much too difficult to determine.

Other crops include butternut

squash, kale, spinach, beans, peas, dill, cantaloupe, giant pumpkins, hot peppers, sweet peppers, Swiss chard, and other salad greens.

"It's just something I wanted to do," Graham said. "I'm fourth generation on this property, and it's been a lot of work and a long time in the making. There's bound to be [crop] failures, that's why I went so diverse."

In addition to the challenges of growing and selling the produce locally, wildlife has a negative impact on the crop yield.

"We were losing zucchini to the ravens every day, so we put up some scarecrows and an owl [decoy]," Graham said. "The mice get into everything. They're getting into the tomatoes pretty bad right now, so everything they can reach is getting destroyed."

Graham said the garden was entirely planted this year, and takes up only a portion of the 70-acre property. Some of the garden area was left fallow this year, which allows for crop rotation.

"It's a lot of work being chemical-

free," said Graham. "I do a lot of bug squishing. You have to do a lot more work than just spraying [the plants] with chemicals and walking away."

While many grocery store fruits and vegetables were picked weeks before they were ripe in order to allow time for international shipping, locally-grown crops are able to stay on their plants until they are ready for harvest.

"See how that just slipped off the vine?" asked Graham as he harvested some cantaloupe for The Highlander staff. "That means it has all the sugars from the plant that it needs, and that it's ready for harvest. My cantaloupe is phenomenal. Probably the sweetest cantaloupe you will ever eat."

"I think in the future just being able to grow your own food, well, then you're pretty well off," Graham said.

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Above: Paramedic student Jocelyn Moynes gets soaked in the Ice Bucket Challenge. Below: Matt Hogg, left, and paramedic Mark Schell dump two buckets of icy cold water on Larry Blanchard, deputy chief of Haliburton County Paramedic Service.



Paramedics get soaked for Ice Bucket Challenge

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Close to 20 local paramedics and other Haliburton County Paramedic Service staff took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Aug. 26.

The group participated in the popular fundraiser and awareness campaign in front of an ambulance at the Haliburton EMS base after being nominated by Mike French, fire chief of Rama Fire and Rescue Services in Rama, Ont. In turn, they nominated all four local fire departments and first responders in Muskoka, City of Kawartha Lakes,

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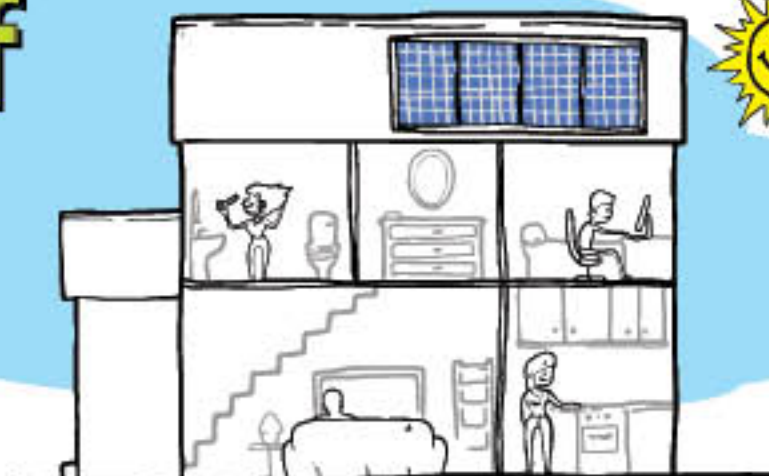
The local EMS staff agreed to pool their donations together and contribute to the cause, which as of Aug. 26 had raised \$88.5 million in donations for The ALS Association. A video of them doing the challenge can be found on the Haliburton County Paramedic Service's Facebook page.

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Bottom left: Race officials and spectators watch closely as a kayaker makes his way down the Gull River. Top: Colin Poirier of Quebec navigates the rushing waters in the kayak men's race. Bottom right: Spectators get a good view of the action from the shoreline.



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Ontario athlete Mael Rivard remains focused on the course ahead.

Minden Hills Open preps venue for Pan Am

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Athletes from across Canada spent their weekend at Minden's Wild Water Preserve to not only compete for spots on national teams, but also test the course in advance of next summer's 2015 Pan Am Games.

Kayakers took on the course between Aug. 23-24 in the first Minden Hills Open, which was hosted by Whitewater Ontario.

"This is a competition that is helping Whitewater Ontario race organizers prepare for the Pan Am Games next year," said Whitewater Ontario director Jim Tayler. "We are closely linked with the Pan Am team in terms of the organization and the logistics of putting on the race. This gives us an opportunity to prepare our team in the various capacities and the various roles that we'll be playing come July of 2015."

For example, the event allowed the Whitewater team to test a state-of-the-art timing system that was purchased

with the support of the Pan Am Games.

"It's taken a number of rehearsals, if you will, to get our team comfortable with the software and also how to manage things when there are glitches," said Tayler.

Competitors came from places such as British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and Ontario to participate in one of five categories: kayak men, kayak women, canoe single men, canoe single women, and canoe double men. Winners were determined based on their finishing times through the course, which is located on the Gull River.

Each athlete competed with the hopes of achieving international ranking, which is recognized by the International Canoe Federation. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were handed out to the top finishers in each category.

"The athletes really do want to perform to their very best because it's going to have an impact on their international ranking," explained Tayler during the semifinal round of competition on Aug.

24. "I think the performances today are going to be such that the paddlers will be giving their very, very best."

Next spring, the venue will host the national team trials. According to Tayler, the national teams will be selected and the fastest boat in each category will advance to the Pan Am Games.

In addition to the weekend of competition, a parallel slalom event was held in downtown Minden along the Gull River. The visible location gave residents and visitors an opportunity to check out the sport, and learn more about the upcoming Pan Am Games.

"It was an overwhelming success. I think the town's people who came by, many of whom were just out for a leisurely stroll along the Riverwalk, were delighted to see the athletes there — just having fun and a bit of a competition as well," he said.

Tayler said that Whitewater Ontario was pleased to host the event and collaborate with the township to make it happen.

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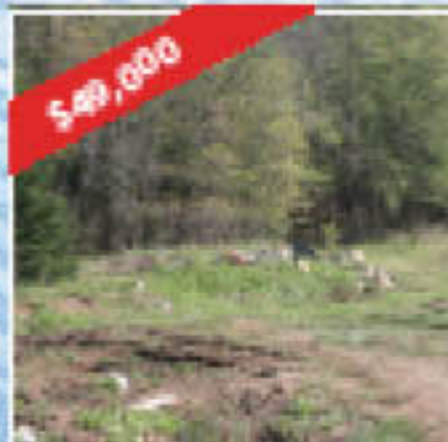




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Emsley eyes second

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's top mountain biker, Nick Emsley, has had a busy month of racing in August.

The young cyclist competed in the Ontario Summer Games on Aug. 7-8 in Windsor. He arrived at the venue only a couple of hours before his time trial was set to begin.

"I felt a bit wore out from leaving at 2:30 a.m. to get there," he said. "I managed 12th place that day."

He then moved on to the opening ceremonies for what was his biggest competition to date.

"It was an amazing experience that I will never forget," he said. "There were over 2,500 athletes there competing. The opening ceremonies were awesome with an athlete walk-in to the stadium. It was the biggest event I have ever attended."

On Aug. 8, Emsley raced in a cross-country Olympic style race and finished eighth, followed later in the day by a four-person team relay where he came in fourth.

"The team performed really well

together, considering it was the first time we had been together as a relay team," he said. "It was a great feeling representing Haliburton at the games."

Emsley again hit the mountain, this time in Midland on Aug. 17 for the Ontario Cup #6 race.

The rain on Saturday shut down the course, he said, but on Sunday it was ready for the racers.

It has been difficult for me to fit in all of my training and working, but if you want something bad enough, you have to make it happen.

Nick Emsley
cyclist

Championship. The 70-kilometre race is an opportunity for Emsley to move into second place in the overall standings.

"I will be racing against national champions and some top elite racers, so I really have my work cut out for me," he said. "It has been difficult for me to fit in all of my training and working ... but if you want something bad enough, you have to make it happen."

"It was one of the fastest races of the year," Emsley said. "I had a crash but managed to secure ninth place. It was the first time for me racing there and I really enjoyed the course."

His next race is happening on Aug. 30 in Kingston for the Ontario XCM

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Hike leaders get field first aid training

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Wilderness Medical Associates provided 16 hours of wilderness first aid training to seven individuals, including myself, over the weekend. Haliburton County offered the training in preparation of September's Hike Haliburton Festival, and to those involved in outdoor education.

Since I took the training, several people have asked me about the difference between wilderness first aid and standard first aid. The answer to that includes location, time, and resources.

Haliburton County boasts extensive countryside for our exploration and enjoyment, yet this isolated environment can pose real dangers when it comes to our health. Wilderness first aid assumes that traditional medical help is unavailable, and may be unreachable for a significant amount of time. You must use the available resources and knowledge to treat any injuries or medical conditions that may occur. Our instructor, Mike Webster, Canadian director of the Wilderness Medical Associates, says wilderness first aid also relies upon good assessment.

The first two steps of the Patient Assessment

System (PAS) are to analyze whether the scene around the patient continues to pose a risk to the rescuer, the public, or the patient, and to determine whether the patient's condition was caused by a trauma, a medical issue, or an environmental factor.

The next step, known as the primary assessment, requires an efficient check-over of the patient's vital status which will reveal any immediate threat to the patient's life. This could be excessive bleeding, no pulse, no breathing, or a blocked airway. If there are no major issues with the circulatory, respiratory, or nervous systems, rescuers can move on to the secondary assessment.

The secondary assessment covers medical concerns that are less life-threatening than those in the primary assessment, but which can still pose a great risk to health. It includes checking

the range of motion of joints, circulation, sensation, and motor skills, determining the symptoms, allergies, medications, past history, last ins and outs, and events (SAMPLE) of the patient, and continued monitoring of the pulse, respiration, skin colour, temperature and moisture, blood pressure, and level of consciousness.

In order to learn the process of responding to a medical situation in the wilderness, Webster had us run through scenario after scenario, analyzing the situation and treating

our patients in the most appropriate way. Webster would brief three of our group on their mental and physical conditions and send them off into the forest. Four 'rescuers' were then sent out to find their patients, analyze their situations, and determine the best course of action.

I was called on to assess and deal with a hiker who sustained a head injury due to a falling rock, an acute stress reaction to a perceived physical threat, a diabetic suffering from hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), and a hiker with heat exhaustion. I also acted as a patient, portraying a ruptured spleen resulting in internal bleeding, a hypothermic hiker, an asthmatic mid-attack with no puffer, and a heart attack victim.

As a group, we also learned, discussed, and practiced the Heimlich manoeuvre, rolling patients from their backs to their sides, monitoring vital signs, and moving victims assumed to have a spinal injury. For spinal injuries, Webster had us take turns directing and completing the extraction and stabilization of a group member who had been strategically placed in the wilderness.

Ensuring the stability of the weight centres (the head, shoulders, and hips) is critical to minimizing risk in an assumed spinal injury. We practised picking up and moving the patients to flat, solid ground from their various sitting, lying, sprawled, and entangled positions. You might think that using six people to lift one person sounds easy, but the incremental shifting to ensure spinal stability

was difficult. Trust me, we really did pick them up and move them...my body is still aching from the exertion.

Each of the scenarios we went over during the course is a situation which may be encountered during the Hike Haliburton Festival running from Sept. 18-21. Providing wilderness first aid education to the hike leaders and outdoor educators is one way Haliburton County is minimizing potential risks associated with foraging into the back country.

"For every hike that we have, we assign a leader and a volunteer to make sure everyone is safe," said Barrie Martin, owner of Yours Outdoors and participant in the training. "There are 60 hikes, and between the leader and volunteer one must be certified in first aid."

The Festival provides three full days of hiking, with four concerts, two barbecues, and hikes for just about anyone. Hike Haliburton has created some 'suggested itineraries' on their website, grouping together hikes of similar difficulties throughout the weekend. There are hikes available for those who wish to take an easy stroll, while others are intense, hours-long, land-covering hikes. The hikes range from 0.5-19 kilometres in length.

Visit their website at hikehaliburton.com and click on Hikes & Registration to read up on the available locations, times, distances, and difficulties of the hikes offered during the Hike Haliburton Festival. Organizers are still looking for volunteers.

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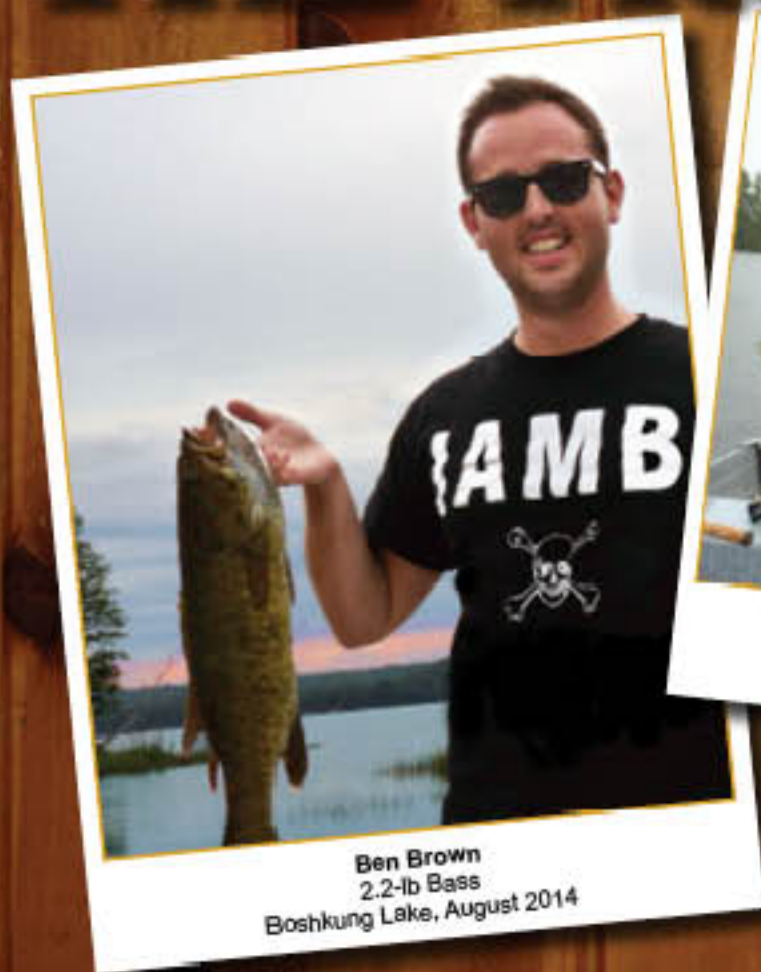
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Purple Loosestrife weeds out natural flora

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is an invasive species making its presence known in Haliburton County. The vibrant flowers are deceptively pretty, adding colour to the predominantly green wetlands spread throughout the county.

Purple Loosestrife arrived in Canada from its native European and Asian environments through the transportation of soils as ballast in ships. As the soil was disposed of upon arrival, the seeds of Purple Loosestrife took hold in the foreign ground and began sprouting and using up the nutrients essential for native flora growth.

The invasive weed chokes out native flora through its aggressive root system, consisting of one large, squared root called a rhizome which can penetrate up to a foot into the soil, and can support upwards of 30 stems and flowers. Given that the plant is invasive, there are no natural predators to control its population in North America.

As plant biodiversity of wetlands decreases due to loosestrife presence, it impacts the birds, insects, and other animals that rely on the native plants for food and habitat. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), among many other organizations, encourages the removal of Purple Loosestrife from roadsides,

disturbed lands, and wetlands.

To properly remove Purple Loosestrife and minimize its impact on Haliburton County, follow the MNR rules outlined below:

- Only remove invasive plants on your property, or with the permission of the landowner
- Minimize the removal of native plants
- Dispose of the removed vegetation properly to ensure it does not get back into the ecosystem
- Do not dredge the water body – use only your hands, cutters, or a rake to remove vegetation
- Be conscious of fish spawning seasons and do not disturb water during this time

Ducks Unlimited Canada suggests that when removing Purple Loosestrife, you must ensure that you have dug up the entire plant as growth can occur from any remaining root or flowers. Removal should be done before the flowers go to seed, and the plants should be put in a container and dried out. Once dried they can be burned or put in a plastic bag, securely tied off, and disposed of.

Ontario's Invasive Species Awareness Program website provides a number of resources on Purple Loosestrife, including photos, explanations of how to identify it, and further information on its ecological impact. Visit invasivespecies.com.



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Purple Loosestrife flowers are arranged vertically on a tall stem.

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Junior Highlanders

Kids learn and craft at local libraries

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

The Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) has been hosting Kids' Craft and Story Time twice per week at the Minden and Dysart branches, and once per week in Stanhope and Wilberforce throughout July and August. The event, which has been running for several years, will be continued on holidays and over the March break.

"This summer's Kids' Crafts and Story Times have been our best attended to date," said branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning. "They have attracted a mix of both seasonal and year-round residents."

The HCPL strives to engage and interest children in books and crafting as a way of promoting literacy and creativity.

"[The] staff are great at choosing lively and engaging picture books to read to the kids ... The children are having a lot of fun and are enjoying the story time and crafting – many proud kids show off their creations as they check out books from the library after they're done."

The HCPL posts upcoming events on their website at haliburtonlibrary.ca under News and Events on the right-hand side of the home page.

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Children listen intently as Minden Library's branch assistant Jaime Bilodeau reads a story at Thursday's Kids' Craft and Story Time.



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Author Aimee Reid introduces her book *Mama's Day with Little Gray*.

Children's author launches book at Minden Library

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Author Aimee Reid delighted children at the Minden Hills Public Library on Aug. 20 as she presented her first book, *Mama's Day with Little Gray*, complete with puppets and varying voices.

The book, documenting a day in the life of a mother and child elephant, was inspired by Reid's eldest daughter.

"She was about two-and-a-half years old," said Reid. "I was tucking her into bed and

she said 'When I grow up and you grow down', and she went on to talk about what would happen if our roles were reversed. I felt this spark. It was a day of sort of our regular activities, but they were made fun because we were together and she was leading the way."

Reid first launched her book at the main library in Hamilton in March, but was excited to present it at the Minden branch.

"I did my research here in this [Minden] branch, and drafted the book on my vacation. I got the email that Laura J.

Bryant would be the illustrator when I was at the Dysart branch. It feels really fun to come back and celebrate the book here where the research and the drafting was all done. It's very special to me – it feels like coming home."

A cottager in the area for 11 years, Reid initially wrote a different version of the book, but later decided she wanted it to be more of a dialogue between the child and the mother. Something about the joy and connection of elephants swimming, interacting, and loving each other came

back to Reid when she was swimming, and she changed the main characters to be elephants.

The children at the Minden branch watched Reid with wide eyes and smiles as she used puppets to explain some elephant facts and introduce *Mama's Day with Little Gray*. Reid has a new book coming out next year entitled *Welcome to the World* which celebrates the birth of babies around the globe in different cultures.

Learn more about Reid on her website at aimeereid.com.

My feelings

I, Austin Connor McGillion, have something I'd like to share from the bottom of my heart with my readers, family, and friends.

I am a tall and physically strong person, but I don't think people know how sensitive I am to the things people say to me. What may seem like harmless joking can take me down into a pit of despair and sadness. I am upset right now as I write, because I had a disagreement with my grandmother so I decided to share my feelings with you in the hope that I can get this off my chest and work past it.

I find when I am upset that the words flow forth and I can express how I feel much easier in writing than I can by talking. Writing helps me forget about bad things that have happened, and it helps me work through things I keep bottled up inside. Writing things out also allows me to vent my anger and frustration without hurting anyone else's feelings. No one else has to suffer besides my poor keyboard.

I don't know why certain things hurt

Through my eyes

me. Something as simple as "you're not doing this correctly so please try to do it like this" can throw me into a downward spiral. I get angry and leave the room thinking to myself "you're useless" and "I can't do anything right, all you do is mess things up." I'm not sure why I think this. Perhaps it's because when I was younger my step dad used to tell me I wasn't doing this or that right and I was useless. Most people grow out of that rather quickly, but unfortunately it stuck in the back of my mind, so whenever I make a mistake I say to myself "you don't live up to expectations."

To be honest, I always felt that my stepfather liked my siblings more than me because they were his kids and I wasn't. I was my mother's son, but not his. When my little brother was born I suddenly turned invisible in his eyes except when he wanted someone to blame. I understand that part of this is a trait of Autism/Asperger's and that we don't handle criticism very well. I try now to rethink my actions, but it is

always after the fact, I can't seem to prevent those feelings from overcoming me when I am being corrected.

The point I'm trying to make is that if I'm not doing something right don't just bluntly tell me "hey you're doing that wrong." Take time to say there is a better way and show me very precisely how I can improve on my task. This will cut out a lot of the resounding sadness inside of my head. If you see that I am having a bad day, there's a good chance I need to be alone to sort it out so correcting me may have to wait.

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Register online at register.girlguides.ca or contact 1-800-565-8111.

Start dates:
Haliburton Sparks and Brownies (ages 5-8)
Tuesday September 9, 6:30-7:30.
Haliburton Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers (ages 9 and up):
Wednesday September 10, 6:15-8:00.
*Haliburton units meet in the basement of the old library,
across the parking lot from Haliburton arena.*
Minden Sparks and Brownies (ages 5-8):
Thursday, September 11, 6-7:30.
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OBITUARIES



Grant Clement

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday morning, August 20, 2014 in his 85th year.
Beloved husband of the late Iris Miller - Clement (nee Toms). Loving father of James
Miller, Deborah Dack, Jackie (Tim Mayhew), Karen (Norm Perrott). Mentor and
friend to Junior LaPorte, Laurie Johnson and Edna McBurney and to many others.
Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Maria, Tom, Jenny, Josh, Luke
and Jillian and his great grandchildren and the loving Neville Family. Brother
of Don and Patsy. Predeceased by his beloved brother Babe (Morris). Also
remembered by many nieces and nephews. Grant owned and operated his own
business G. Clement Construction for over 40 years in Haliburton County. He built
almost all of the roads in the Misquabi development (Trapper's Trail). Grant was a hunter and fisherman.
He was happiest in his gravel pit on a piece of heavy equipment, flying his airplane, or traveling the roads
of Haliburton County. Grant spent the final seven years of his life in the caring hands of the staff at the
Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118,
Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 or Friday evening, August 22, 2014 from
7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday morning, August 23, 2014
at 11 o'clock (Visitation 1 hr prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.
As expressions of sympathy donations to Food For Kids would be appreciated
because Grant felt it was important to look after children in this Community.

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Kalie Pik Kwan Ma

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Kalie was born in Hong Kong on April 29, 1981 and was raised by her
beloved Grandpa and Grandma (deceased). She came to Canada about
10 years ago with hopes of a new life and she found it. We have lost a
special angel whose heart touched every one she met with her love and
warmth. Kalie left us on Friday, August 15, 2014 in her 34th year. She was
the much loved god daughter of Richard (Grandpapa) and Sally (Granny)
Biagi. Totally loved and cherished by all our family and many, many
friends. She will be missed by her family and friends in Hong Kong and around the world.

Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton,
Ontario on Saturday afternoon, September 6, 2014 from 1 o'clock until 3 o'clock. A time of
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NOTICE

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Sharon Stoughton-Craig
CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
2249 Loop Road, PO Box 295
Wilberforce, ON
K0L 3C0
Phone 705-448-2981



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FOR

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FOR THE YEAR 2014

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The 2nd day of September, 2014

Electors should check to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown on the list.

Application for inclusion, additions or corrections to or deletions from the list may be made by an elector by completing and filing a form obtainable at the Office of the Clerk.

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Coalition for Equitable Water Flow – Haliburton Sector, TSW
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Summer 2014

Open Letter to: Candidates in the 2014 Municipal Elections for: Algonquin Highlands; Dysart et al; Havelock-Belmont-Methuen; Highlands East; Minden Hills; North Kawartha; and Trent Lakes.

Position on Issues Facing Voters in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River Watershed

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) was formed in August 2006 to represent the interests of approximately 40,000 Ontario taxpayers who own residential shoreline property on the 41 reservoir and 20 flow-through lakes within the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed located in Haliburton County and northern Peterborough County. The property owners in these lake communities contribute approximately 80% of the municipal tax base and expect to see this reflected in local decision-making.

The Coalition has identified a number of critical issues relating to watershed management:

1. The March 2008 Report of the federally appointed Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) "It's all about the Water" identified the need for a new 'integrated' approach to water management at the watershed level and significant new investment in infrastructure.
2. In looking at the Trent watershed, almost 100% of the summertime flow at Lakefield comes from the reservoir lakes. This is the water that feeds the canal portion of the Trent-Severn Waterway and provides drinking water to Peterborough and other municipalities. However, almost none of the reservoir system falls within the mandate of a Conservation Authority or any overarching watershed council. Instead, water management is mainly the responsibility of the Trent-Severn Waterway. This is cause for concern and an opportunity for action by county and municipal levels of government in the upper watershed.
3. The dams on the reservoir lakes comprise a significant portion of the TSW infrastructure, and they require sustained capital funding for repair and maintenance. A 2012 review of Parks Canada assets identified 15 reservoir dams as being in poor or very poor condition and estimated the cost of deferred maintenance work for the Haliburton sector at \$33.9 million.
4. A recent Water Management Study conducted by the engineering firm AECOM for the TSW noted that improved water management tools were required and recommended that Parks Canada invest in a constraint-based water management model that would identify 'management ranges' for all of the lakes, reservoirs and rivers of the TSW system. This has not happened.
5. In 2013 the lack of timely information during the spring floods and the fall high water levels highlighted the need for better communications to both routine and emergency water management issues. Reviews of the flood response noted that (1) regions lacking a Conservation Authority suffered from a lack of reliable flood plain information and adequate public communications; and (2) the TSW needs a management tool to support decision-making during extreme weather events. Since then communications at the federal and provincial level have improved, thanks in part to strong municipal leadership in Haliburton County. The Coalition believes there is an opportunity for municipalities to take further action or demonstrate support for a range of water management issues. As a candidate for municipal office you are invited to respond to the following questions so that we can advise our membership with regard to your position, and your personal commitment on these issues.

Questions from the Coalition

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton sector of the Trent River watershed? If so what is your personal commitment in this regard?
2. Do you agree that, rather than seeking the establishment of Conservation Authorities in those areas currently lacking a CA, there is merit in municipalities contracting the existing CAs to provide specific expertise and services such as low water response planning or flood plain mapping for reservoir lakes deemed to have significant flood risk?
3. Do you support the key recommendation of the AECOM Water Management Study that the TSW adopt a constraint-based water management model capable of considering lake specific navigation and environmental constraints such as those already identified by Coalition member lake associations? If so, what would you do about it?
4. Will you urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews as they are completed and urge the federal government ensure public safety by immediately investing in dam repairs and maintenance so as to remove the deferred maintenance deficit and bring the dam infrastructure up to at least a 'good' or 'fair' state of repair?
5. Actions have been taken by Haliburton County and some of its municipalities to improve communications during flood events. What further actions are needed – for example to raise awareness of municipal Flood Emergency Preparedness Plans and to communicate other water management issues such as during times of low water?
6. Do you agree that municipal government should work with local lake associations to facilitate improvements to water management operations and structures on reservoir and flow-through lakes as exemplified by the following list:
 - Urging action to upgrade those reservoir lake dams with a Parks Canada (poor) asset condition rating of "C" or "D" viz. Canning, Horseshoe, Elliot Falls (Moore Lake), Jack's, Big Bob, Contau, Drag, Miskwabi, Eagle, Oblong, Mississauga, Moore Falls #1 (Gull Lake), Little Bob, Redstone West?
 - Installing a weir on Maple Lake (Algonquin Highlands) to reduce water level fluctuations?
 - Installing an automated water level gauge on Mountain Lake (Minden Hills) rather than relying on data from Horseshoe Lake?
 - Improving infrastructure at the Kennis Lake dam (Dysart et al) as part of the announced refurbishment or rebuilding of the dam, for example improving boater safety with redesigned docking and ramp facilities?
 - Obtaining flood damage curves for Boshkung Lake (Algonquin Highlands), Horseshoe, Mountain, and Twelve Mile lakes (Minden Hills)?
 - Reducing use of ATVs for access to the Jack's Lake dam (North Kawartha, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen) due to the resulting trail damage?

Thank you for your participation in this process.
Chris Riddle and Martin Rist,
CEWF Co-Chairs, Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Wilhelm "Willi" Aschenbrenner (Owner of Green Lake Plumbing)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, August 23, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer. In his 64th year.

Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Richard (Victoria), Karin (Jeff), Opa to Evan, Sophie, Jakob, and Danny. Willi is survived by his mother Erna (the late August), by his sisters Monika, and Christa, by his brothers Gusti, and Hansi and also by their families in Germany. Fondly remembered by Mark Montanaro (Jayce), Stephen Montanaro (Lyn), Sandra and David Farrell, Larry and Maria Van Lieshout, and Pamela Lavender.

In accordance with Willi's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private family arrangements.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Palliative Care Unit (HHHSF, PCU) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Emma Horrigan and Matthew Mancini serve visitors wood pellet-fired pizzas. Middle left: Local garlic grower Todd Grainger provides visitors what they're looking for. Above left: Fisher's Farm of Janetville, Ont. provided fresh produce for sale. Above right: Halls Lake cottager Mary Katherine Charters gets an armful of garlic.

Garlic Fest sprouts at new location

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With 1,300 visitors making their way to the grounds of the Stanhope Community Centre on Aug. 23, the eighth annual Garlic Fest was a record-setting success.

"As far as we're concerned, we definitely set a record because we've never had anything like that before," said Sheila Robb, president of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA).

Although the day got off to a slow start due to overcast skies, said Robb, the crowds began to arrive around 11 a.m. and a steady flow of traffic continued throughout the afternoon.

Previously held in Carnarvon at the intersection of Highways 118 and 35, behind what was once the Carnarvon Bowl, this was the first year that the event was held elsewhere. As a result, some visitors had a hard time finding the venue.

"We had big enough signs out, but sometimes people just get a bit confused.

We'll try to do a bit better next time," said Robb.

Despite this minor setback, Robb received many positive comments about the new location. Visitors were pleased with on-site parking and the coordination of the festivities, she said.

The fest featured 24 vendors, including several local garlic growers, artists, producers of baked goods and others. Live entertainment and children's activities were also part of the event.

"It had a much more relaxed atmosphere

this year and people stayed around," said Robb of the family-friendly fest.

According to Robb, the HCGGA plans to hold next year's event at the same location.

"I don't think there's any doubt about that," she said. "I think we've found our spot and we just have to improve on things."

Robb thanked everyone who helped make the event a success, including the association's members, volunteers and all of the vendors.

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Top: The Minden United Church was buzzing with activity during the fourth annual Mega Sale and Bake Sale. Above: Volunteers Sue Sisson, left, and Mary Trepanier offer a shopper some baked goods.

Church sale a mega success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Bargain hunters had their work cut out for them on Aug. 23 during the fourth annual Mega Sale and Bake Sale at the Minden United Church.

The event, which was hosted by the Minden United Church Women (UCW), raised more than \$1,200 for the church and local initiatives.

"We're happy with that," said UCW president Pat Thornett, who added that this year's sale did slightly better than last year's.

Visitors were able to shop for a variety of donated items, including books, games, movies, jewellery, and household products. A bake sale was also part of the event's success.

"We're feeling we're doing a recycling program," laughed Thornett. "People don't want what they're giving us, but there are people who want it."

All of the items were donated by members of the community, and about eight volunteers pitched in to run the sale.

This year, the UCW donated \$600 to send youth who access the services of Point In Time to camp, said Thornett.

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Kids on the dragon ride at last year's Kinmount Fair.

Kimount Fair expects thousands of visitors

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Despite the rain that has affected events across the county this summer, Kinmount Fair organizers are anticipating high turnout, great events, and lots of fun for everyone.

"We're hoping for 35,000 people over the course of the weekend," said media contact Guy Scott. "We're very dependent on the weather, so we hope it's good. We usually have between 30,000 and 40,000 people annually."

The Agricultural Society, whose mandate is to work for "the betterment of agriculture and the rural lifestyle," operates on a non-profit basis to put on the fair each year. The Agricultural Society, whose budget for the fair is approximately \$300,000, ensures a park-like setting for the event as they do not put asphalt or pavement anywhere in the grounds.

Scott, an agricultural fair historian, explained that fairs are an old tradition dating back nearly 1,000 years in England. The fair in Windsor, Nova Scotia has been running since 1765. The Kinmount Fair

will be turning 143 this year, and uses the motto "There's something for everyone."

"It's interesting to see how things change but also how they stay the same," said Scott.

This year's Kinmount Fair will feature three themed days. Friday is children's day, with pay one price midway tickets and free admission for children under 14. Saturday is Agricultural Day, which includes horse and livestock shows, an exhibit hall, a parade, animal shows, a petting zoo, and horse pulls. Sunday will be the "crash and burn" day, featuring the

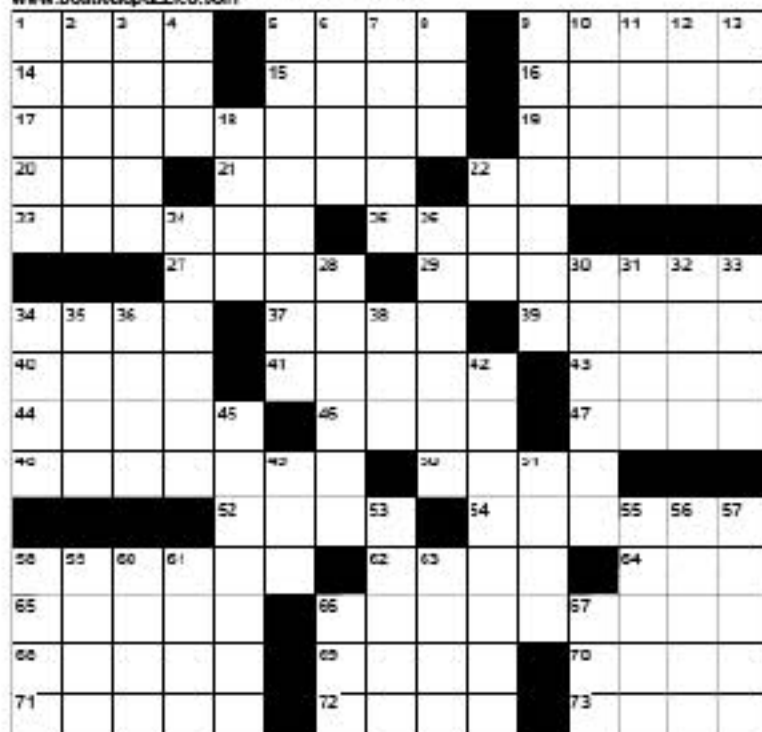
highly-anticipated demolition derby.

"I call [the Kinmount Fair] 'Tradition Meets the Space Age'," said Scott. "It's a family event. You can bring every generation and age group and there's truly something for everyone."

Country artist Jason Blaine will be putting on this year's Grandstand Show at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and the traditional Kinmount Fair dances will be held Friday and Saturday nights at the arena, beginning at 9 p.m. For more information on the calendar of events, visit kinmountfair.net.

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21. Shopper's aid
22. Looks disdainfully
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54. Adjusts again
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62. Secret language
64. Cup edge
65. Dwell
66. At no time hereafter
69. Urban's opposite
69. Individuals
70. Unclosed
71. Pipe parts
72. Tenant's monthly bill
73. Finest

DOWN

1. Greek vowel
2. Gem weight
3. Rope loop
4. Road curve
5. Spanish ranch
6. Responsibility
7. Actress ____ Davis
8. Have bills
9. Serious
10. Sunburn soother
11. Toga
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18. Other than
22. Bro's sib
24. Perceptive
26. Witty reply
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33. Fashion magazine
34. Judge
35. Zenith
36. Starting at
38. Gun rights group (abbr.)
42. Most bizarre
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49. Suit accessory
51. Ogle
53. Play part
55. Secretly marry
56. Grows weary
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GULL RIVER - MINDEN \$219,900



Bright, sunny waterfront home on the Gull River with 300 ft frontage! You can have an active lifestyle in this 4 bedroom in-town home.

PRIVATE LAKE + ACREAGE \$499,900



This marvelous log home overlooks 89 wooded acres, ideal for 4 season active lifestyle. 2 ponds, one for kayaking, canoeing or swimming. Sunset views.

EAGLE LAKE \$450,000



Prestigious Eagle Lake recreational lifestyle cottage offers swimming, boating, hiking and skiing. Amazing views on the lake, sand beach, boathouse and sauna.

MISKWABI NORTH SHORE \$879,900



Fabulous custom 5 bedroom home hides away on a private Cul-de-sac. The clearest lake, spectacular SW views and beautiful sunsets for ~400 ft pristine frontage.

BOB LAKE COTTAGE \$514,900



Immaculate 3 bedroom Victorian, 60 ft deck walk out from master, family room & solarium, complete with fire pit & two docks to swim, ski or fish!

MAPLE LAKE \$345,000



Lovely waterfront lot with perennial gardens. Enjoy the stunning views from the principle rooms. Single oversized garage plus separate workshop.

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Prime in-town commercial industrial acreage with room to build your business. Two block buildings and 16+ acres.

MAPLE WINERY \$570,000



A Winery! Maple Syrup! Gift Shop! This is an ideal business with high traffic visibility, loyal clientele, solid retail building, acres to develop & short hours.

CAFÉ AND B&B \$650,000



Your opportunity to own one of Haliburton County's most recognizable buildings/businesses. Loyal regular clientele, hosting frequent arts & music events. Live & play where you work!

COMMERCIAL BUILDING \$539,000



Ideal downtown location for well exposed commercial opportunity. Abundant driveway & shipping access all around with multiple parking areas.

975 ACRES + PRIVATE LAKE \$1,575,000



Custom 4 bedroom log home, plus guest house, barn & commercial golf. 40 kms of groomed trails, perfect for hiking, cross country skiing & ATV. Development zoning.

COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN \$139,900



Great opportunity to own and operate your business. Ideally located in high traffic area within steps to the Core of Downtown Minden.

VACANT LOTS

- Eagle Lake \$395,000
- Canning Lake \$315,000
- Loon Lake \$249,000
- Calico Road \$79,900
- Wonderland Road \$79,000
- Starlight Road \$29,900
- Starlight Road \$25,900

75% SOLD



HAVELOCK \$269,000



Intimate in-town 24 suite building with balconies and underground parking.

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